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The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
Ranking Minority Member
Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Hyde:

As you recall, we recently furnished the Committee with a copy of the report prepared by the Steering Group (composed of senior CIA managers and chaired by the Executive Director) on strengthening the functions and role of the Office of the Inspector General. The Director has asked that I provide you with a copy of his 16 December 1987 memorandum to the Executive Director in which he has approved the recommendations of the Steering Group and directed that a number of additional specific steps be undertaken aimed at raising the stature and capabilities of the IG. I believe that this memorandum further demonstrates the Director's commitment to move quickly and aggressively to ensure that the Office of the Inspector General will be a stronger and more effective Agency component in the future.

I will keep the Committee informed of any further developments in this area. Meanwhile, please let me know if you have any additional questions.

A similar letter is being sent to Chairman Stokes.

Sincerely,

/s/

David D. Gries
Director of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure

16 December 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT: Strengthening the Functions and Role
of the Office of the Inspector General**

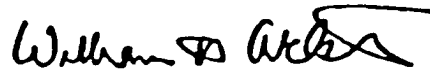
1. I have carefully reviewed the report of the Steering Group on strengthening the functions and role of the Office of the Inspector General forwarded with your memorandum of 1 December 1987. I congratulate the members of the Steering Group on an excellent report. Your oral report to the senior staff yesterday was warmly received.

2. I approve the report as written. I intend to make copies of it available to the intelligence oversight committees today. I wish to start the implementation process immediately and ask that you continue to oversee the implementation of the Steering Group's report. This will require a number of administrative directions in order to make certain that the career path program is promptly put into place.

3. In addition to the recommendations of the Steering Group, and after consultation with Deputy Director Gates, I would like to add the following to the process:

- The Deputy Inspector General should be elevated from SIS-04 to SIS-05 to make the IG office parallel and comparable to the directorates.
- We should initially limit the pool of fast-rising managers assigned to the IG to those from Category I GS-15s through SIS-03.
- We should monitor the adequacy of the present Investigations and Compliance Staff and I am entirely receptive to augmenting resources in this area to assure a more aggressive use of this unit, especially by the DCI and DDCI.
- The Inspector General should report directly to the DCI.
- I intend to include the Inspector General in the Monday morning senior management breakfast.

4. Again, my sincere thanks to you and to the members of your Steering Group for a job well done.


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